

## FRAUDS AT HOME

Special Government Agents Have Been Making Investigations.

MANY ARRESTS TO FOLLOW

Claimed That a Large Number of Persons Have Proved Up on Timber Lands Under a Contract With Syndicate With Money.

It is stated on good authority that the land fraud investigations will not stop at the indictment of the big fish, but will be pursued into every county in the state, and that a number of timber syndicates which have been buying timber lands will also be investigated. And it is not going to end there. It is claimed that a large number of men have been induced to go upon timber lands, filed on them, in many instances without ever being on the lands, proved up on them, and swear that they had not sold or hypothecated them to any one, but were taking them up for their own use, and as soon as proved up on, immediately sold them to some timber syndicate. In many instances the men only received \$100, while in others the syndicates furnished the money to prove up with, paid all expenses, and the land was transferred to them for a nominal consideration. In a great many filings those who filed did not have a dollar with which to pay expenses, and the money was furnished by the timber syndicates, although many of the men who filed swore that they had not borrowed any money from any timber syndicate.

Max Phract, a special agent of the government, has made several trips to Clatsop county and has been conducting a quiet investigation into the land frauds. Other special agents of the government have been and are in the city at the present time. Their reports are sent in regular to Special Inspector Greene and the evidence is being accumulated and when prepared will be presented to the federal grand jury. The evidence being procured is not only against all men who have filed on timber lands and have an agreement with the syndicates to deed them over as soon as the receiver's receipt is procured. This not only applies to Clatsop county, but to every county in the state. In the Roseburg land district over half the filings have been held up pending investigation, and it is doubtful if any patents will be issued.

The indications are that after the grand jury completes the investigation now before it then another grand jury will be impanelled to investigate the minor frauds. It is very probable that after these investigations are concluded that at least 75 per cent of the entries will be cancelled and the lands thrown open for settlement to bona fide purchasers. There are a number of filings made in Clatsop county under the homestead act, where the persons were unable to comply with the law relative to cultivation and settlement, and most of these have since been filed upon as timber claims. All of these claims will probably hold. If all the reports are true, there will be a number of Astorians invited to Portland to explain where they got the money to prove up on their timber claims. Many of these will be examined before the United States commissioner and presented to another session of the federal grand jury.

### COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A Number of Paupers Provided for—Road Master Appointed.

The county court met in regular session yesterday. Most of the day was devoted to making provisions for the county paupers.

Michael Cody was allowed \$12 per month commencing February 1.

George Wilson was allowed \$8 per month in provisions from Ross, Higgins & Co.

Hugh McLaughlin was allowed \$8 per month from Ross, Higgins & Co.

Rose Story of Seaside was allowed \$5 per month from B. W. Otto.

George Gore was allowed \$7.50 per month from Foard & Stokes.

J. Gruber was allowed \$6 per month for house rent.

Mrs. E. Leafur was allowed \$12 per month from Nanthrup.

Mrs. Andrew Bakka was allowed \$8 per month from the Co-operative store.

Mrs. Chas. Westerlund was allowed \$8 per month from the Co-operative store.

Hilda and Lulu Johnson were allowed \$16 per month from Mrs. Pelto.

Mrs. Isaac Hill was allowed \$8 per month from A. V. Allen.

Mrs. Jos. Rymen was allowed \$8 per month from A. V. Allen.

William Sorglund was allowed \$10 per month.

Mary Johnson was allowed \$6 per month from Scholfield & Hauke.

In the matter of M. Juopperi, the county court was inclined to the opinion that he had had two sons, they should be compelled to take care of him instead of being supported by the county. The matter was referred to the district attorney.

Petition of John R. Wherry and others to change the boundaries of road district No. 13, examined and continued.

Petition from residents of road district No. 14 protesting against changing the boundaries of the district was granted.

The annual report of Road Master John Frye was read and laid over.

The county clerk was instructed to advertise for bids from restaurants for feeding the county prisoners for the year 1905.

Application of John Frye for appointment of road master for the year 1905, and he was elected by a unanimous vote.

The clerk was instructed to ask for bids for printing tax collectors' books and tax receipts, the bids to be opened Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Petition from Dr. Alfred Kinney to pay 50 per cent of assessment for taxes erroneously assessed was granted.

The court adjourned until this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

## SCHOONERS COLLIDE

Oz and Ida McKay Off Golden Gate.

## TUGS SENT TO THE RESCUE

Second Mate Charles Lagert of the Schooner Columbia Drowned During the Passage Down the Coast from Ballard.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Two schooners, the Oz and Ida McKay, were in collision out at sea last night off the entrance to the Golden Gate. Upon the report of the captain of the steam schooner Fulton a tug was sent to the vessel, one of which seemed in a bad plight. The O. N. Kellogg comes from Tahiti and the Ida McKay is lumber-laden from Eureka.

### Mate Drowned.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Charles Lagert, second mate of the schooner Columbia, which arrived in port yesterday from Ballard, was drowned on the passage down. He was a native of Finland, 35 years of age.

### Marine Notes.

The steamer Columbia arrived in early Wednesday morning, and, after discharging local freight, proceeded to Portland.

The steamer Arabia, bound for the orient, arrived down yesterday morning and will probably go to sea today.

The French ship Jules Gomme passed out Wednesday morning wheat laden, for the United Kingdom. She was harbored two days.

The British bark Dunreggan passed out Wednesday lumber laden, for Port Natal, and the British ship Glaucus is expected down early this morning, having been delayed by fogs on the upper river.

The steamer Elmore left out yesterday for Umpqua and will return Saturday.

The steamer Harrison leaves for Tillamook and Nehalem this morning.

The Kilburn arrived in yesterday from Coos Bay with a cargo of fruits and vegetables for Astoria merchants,

# UNPRECEDENTED

THE Success of Tuesday's Mammoth Embroidery sale was stupendous and overwhelming. Nothing like it was ever before seen in Astoria.

Enthusiastic bargain seekers crowded the doors, swarmed the aisles and jammed the passage ways until the standing room only sign was torn from its hinges, but it was a good natured crowd, and every bargain seeker was a bargain finder. A traveling man remarked that he had seen such mad crowds at Gimbles, Seigles, Coopers, Marshall Fields and a few other large eastern department stores, but he had never expected to witness anything of the kind in Astoria. Well! There is a reason for it. The people have learned that **this Store's advertising is accurate, its bargains real**, and that it never trifles or juggles with the public. A dependable store that possesses the public's confidence.

Yesterday's bargain news holds good today, with the following additional.

## THAT SAMPLE LINE OF SKIRTS

You've heard about it and if you have not yet taken advantage and selected one to your liking you had better come in and do so now, they are certainly a nice collection to choose from. Skirts for street wear, rainy day skirts; also dress skirts for special occasions. All New Styles ranging in prices from

**\$1.50 to \$15.00**

## LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

Notwithstanding the tremendous rush for embroideries and laces yesterday, there is still quite a few nice patterns left for your choosing, any piece of embroidery on the bargain table at

**10c. per yard**

Torchon and Medicion Laces at 5c per yard.

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and a full passenger list. She will leave for Coos Bay Sunday. She has been granted a license to carry steerage passengers, commencing next Sunday. The bar was reported comparatively smooth last evening at 8 o'clock, and the vessels that have been lying in for several days have all cleared. There was nothing outside at sunset.

### "For Mother's Sake."

A pleasant surprise is in store for the patrons of Fishers' tomorrow night when the new rural drama "For Mother's Sake" will be seen. The management will carry the entire production, using its own car, which will contain everything used in the way of scenery, furniture, mechanical and electrical effects, required for the four acts. The cast is composed of artists well known in the profession, every man, woman and child engaged being a finished actor, which will enable the company to give one of the most finished performances offered this season in the way of rural drama. Seat sale opens this morning at 9 o'clock at Griffin's book store.

### After the Wild Man.

Aberdeen, Jan. 3.—Two Japanese cruisers are off Pava and a flotilla of Japanese destroyers are north of Bor-

### Governor Inaugurated.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 3.—The inaugural ball was held this evening at the Natatorium. A great throng was in attendance.

### Sickening Shivering Fits

of Ague and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitters. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. W. S. Munday of Henrietta, Tex., writes: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life. At Chas. Rogers' drug store; price 50c, guaranteed."

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## \$10 REWARD

We shall give \$10.00 in gold as a first prize, and \$5.00 as a second prize, to the boy or girl under eighteen years of age writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 P. M. on February 16, 1905

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